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Pardon the sudden psychological test.

You set out on a journey with a sheep, a horse, a monkey, a lion, and a cow as your companions. Along the way, you are forced to sell all but one animal due to your lack of money
Now then, which animal will you keep until the very end?

[Result]

The animal that you kept represents what you treasure most.

- Sheep – Sheeps are warm and soft natured. On cold days, they feel at ease from a little cuddling. They represent lovers.
- Horse – Horses walks on its own two feet. They represent your everyday life and your hard work.
- Monkey – Monkeys are adorable partners that will always be by your side. They represent children
- Lion – Lions act as a strong guardian that protects you from menacing threats. They represent parents.
- Cow – Cows can provide milk whenever. They represent food.

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COVER DESIGN = BALCOLONY

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Tsukasa Unohana

In my discussion
with my editor,
he looked like his heart
was getting pulled at quite
often. It'll be great if everyone
who reads my book
can feel the same way.
Thank you very much!

Himari's Initial Concept

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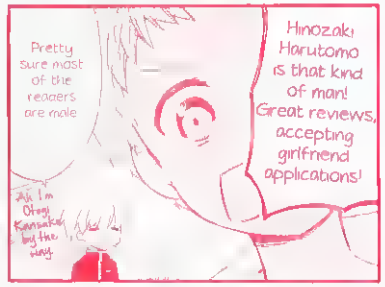
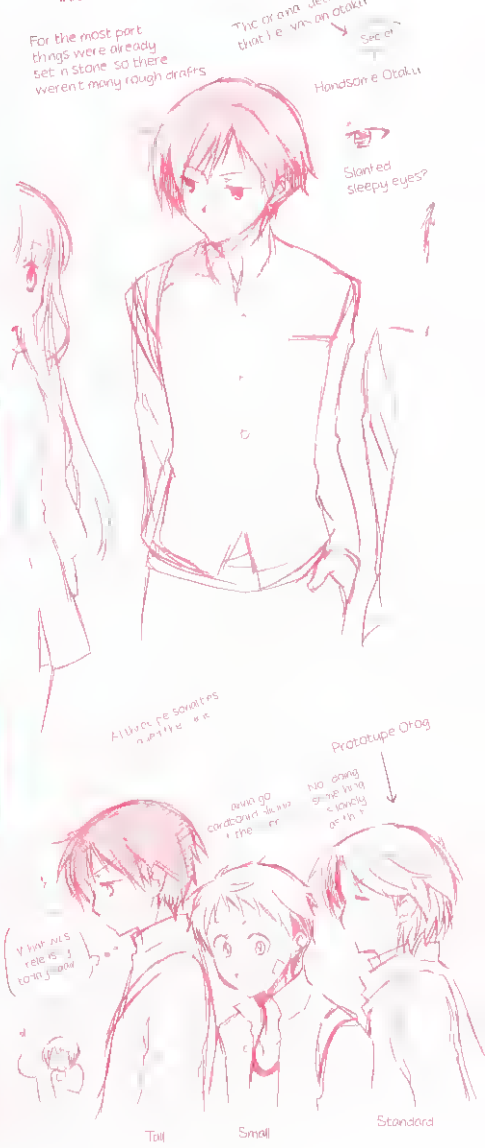

Pretty sure most of the readers are male
Hinozaki Harutomo is that kind of man! Great reviews, accepting girlfriend applications!
Ah I'm Otogi Kensaku by the way

Kai's Initial Concept


For the most part things were already set in stone so there weren't many rough drafts
This character was based on Otaku
Handsome Otaku
Slanted sleepy eyes?
Prototype Otog
Tall
Small
Standard

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GO OUT WITH ME!!
PLEASE...
STEP.1

HE SAID YES!?
REALLY!?

..uh huh.

When was it again?
I...
I DIDN'T THINK HE'D SAY YES EITHER...
MASDONALD DRIVE-THRU
Right, three days ago...
THIS GUY'S REALLY HANDSOME, ISN'T HE?
がや
がや
WELL, IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ACTING ABILITY, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE THIS GUY
今もっとも気になる男性タレント
SHUN!
HIMARI, WHAT DO YOU

STARE
...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
N-NOTHING...
YOUR DISTASTE FOR MEN IS QUITE SOMETHING.
CAN'T EVEN LOOK AT THEM ON PAPER?
E
M
H
WELL, SHE'S ONLY ATTENDED ALL-GIRLS SCHOOLS

IT'S NOT LIKE I HATE THEM... THEY'RE JUST SCARY SINCE I DON'T GET THEM...
LIKE, DON'T THEY DRINK ENTIRE PACKS OF MILK IN ONE GULP, OR EAT DIRECTLY FROM THE RICE COOKER?
HEHEHE, OH HIMARI...
HEY!!
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT!
AND THEN THERE'S THOSE BOYS IN THEIR GROWTH PERIOD THAT GROW 30 CM IN ONE NIGHT, WITH SOME WHO ACTUALLY MAKE IT UP TO 10 M!

THIS WILL BE PROBLEMATIC IF IT KEEPS UP.
WHEN SHE BECOMES A COLLEGE STUDENT, SHE'LL IGNORE MIXERS.
AND WHEN SHE BECOMES A MEMBER OF SOCIETY, SHE'LL GET FIRED DUE TO HER INABILITY TO TALK TO HER SUPERIORS.
LEAVING HER TO LEAD A LIFE AS A LONELY, SINGLE WOMAN.
that's mean!
sniff
EVEN I WANT A... A...
Even...
BO...
BOY-FRIEND...
...EVEN-TUALLY...
now's not the time to get scared, you know.
slam

HAVE SOME FAITH!!
HIMARI'S... BOY... FRIEND...
IS HAVING A BOYFRIEND THAT UNBELIEVABLE FOR ME?
up we go
NO, IT'S POSSIBLE.
MHM, YES.
FOR SURE.
SHE'S NOT EVEN LISTENING!
100 ways to
onfess
HIMARI.

LET'S TRY A CONFESSION.
100 ways to Confess
...huh
W-W-W—
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!? "LET'S TRY A CONFESSION"!?
CONFESSIONS ARE ONLY DONE TO SOMEONE YOU LIKE, RIGHT!?
I-I DON'T HAVE ANYONE LIKE THAT..!!
DOESN'T HAVE TO BE SOMEONE YOU LIKE.
THIS CONFESSION IS JUST A WAY TO TEST YOUR COURAGE.
T...
TEST MY COURAGE...

"EVEN I WANT A BOYFRIEND EVENTUALLY!"
T-THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM...!
YOU NORMALLY DON'T GO SAYING YES TO A CONFESSION FROM SOMEONE YOU BARELY KNOW.
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO IF THE OTHER PERSON SAYS YES!?
ONE OF THE FIRST STEPS, THE CONFESSION, IS SOMETHING YOU CAN'T DO?
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TELL ME THAT
I RECALL SOMEONE SAYING THAT JUST A SECOND AGO.
SOMEONE I KNOW...
HMM...
BUT HIMARI'S NEVER REALLY INTERACTED WITH BOYS BEFORE!
SHE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW ANY, LET ALONE HAVE ONE SHE LIKES!

THERE MIGHT BE SOMEONE
EEH!? OH MY GOSH, A BLOOMING LOVE BEHIND OUR BACKS!? IS IT LOVE!?
HIMARI, JUST WHEN DID YOU..!!
WHAT IN THE WORLD!?
UU, UM.
HE TAKES THE SAME STREET TO SCHOOL..
AND THERE WAS THIS TIME WHEN I DROPPED MY KEYCHAIN
AND HE PICKED IT UP FOR ME, BUT...
YEAH!
YEAH!
YEAH!

I KINDA JUST GRABBED IT OUT OF HIS HAND AND RAN FOR IT...
...WELL, THAT SEEMS ABOUT RIGHT? FOR YOU ANYWAY
she's totally gonna get rejected
OH, SO I DIDN'T HAVE TO WORRY.
YAE-CHAN!?
WAS IT THAT BAD!?
ANYWAY,
SINCE HE SEEMED OKAY, YOU WENT AND ASKED HIM,
AND HE TOLD YOU YES...
who would've thought?
HAHA, WHAT A SURPRISE! A REAL SURPRISE!

EH?
LET'S SHUT DOWN ALL MEANS OF CONTACT AS OF NOW!!
WHAT'S A BIG SURPRISE, HUH!!?
eeek!
NOT THE BACK OF MY HEEAD!

To test my courage... as if I could say that now...
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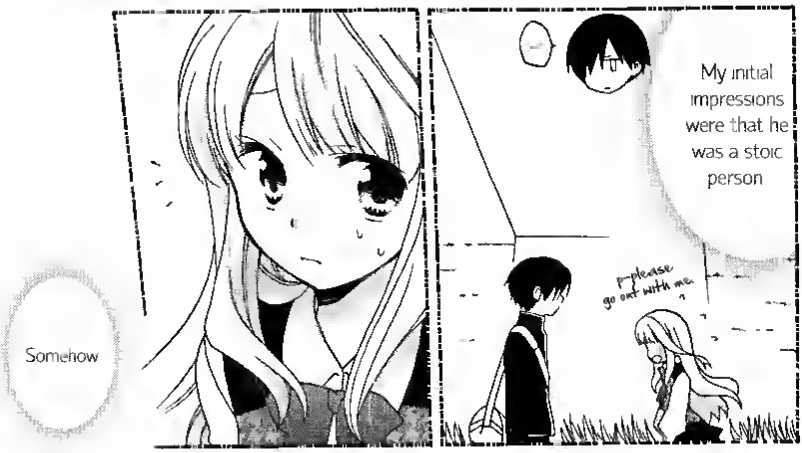
HEY HIMARI!!


Somehow
My initial impressions were that he was a stoic person
please go out with me.

He looked strangely happy.
okay
WELL,
YOU CAN MEET HIM AFTER SCHOOL, BUT THE QUESTION IS WHAT TO DO FROM THERE...
THAT'S THAT, SO WE MIGHT AS WELL JUST CONTACT HIM AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS.

I DIDN'T THINK KAI WOULD GET A GIRL-FRIEND.
OOH, HOW NICE.
...!
YEAH, LIKE ALL RED AND BLUE!
HE WAS COMPLETELY OUT OF BREATH THIS MORNING TOO.
heh
heh

PUT YOURSELVES IN MY SHOES. GETTING A CONFESSION LIKE THAT OUT OF THE BLUE...
I knew about that girl.
We commute to school at the same time on the same street.
Ever since
I picked up what she dropped...
Cute
SO YEAH!
EH!!
YOU'RE WALKING HER HOME AFTER SCHOOL, RIGHT?

COULD YOU TWO BE ANY MORE SUBTLE?
ACTUALLY, LET US SEE HER!
WHERE ARE YOU TWO MEETING?
I'M SURE YOU'RE SHAKING IN YOUR BOOTS, SO WE'LL TAG ALONG.
you guys...
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...AH.
はた
I DIDN'T ASK FOR HER NUMBER.
HUHH!?
D'
D
SO THE ONLY THING YOU SAID WAS YES!?
hahaha, what a riot!
ARE YOU STUPID OR WHAT?
WHAT WERE YOU GOING TO DO AFTER THIS, HUH?
UGH
うぐ

IF WE CAN AT LEAST FIGURE OUT WHICH SCHOOL SHE'S FROM
WHAT'S HER SCHOOL UNIFORM LIKE?
SHE WASN'T FROM OUR SCHOOL!
UWAHH, SO USELESS!
Hmhm
SHE WAS SMALL, CUTE, AND HER HAIR WAS LONG... AND SHE WAS IN A SKIRT... AND HER EYES WERE BIG...
SKIRT, HUH?
WHY DON'T WE TAKE IT EASY FOR TODAY, GUYS...?
Duh, that's obvious!
we can look it up..
So... she had a keychain on her bag..
Don't need that info. Upper body staff only
blah
blah
waistcoat?
it's a vest
THERE WE GO!

トーリ
LOOKS LIKE HOSHIGAOKA GIRLS HIGH.
SO YOU BOTH LEFT WITHOUT GIVING YOUR NUMBERS!
jeez
I WANTED TO SAY HI TOO. THAT'S A SHAME.
W-WHAT TO DO. WHAT TO DO
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HIS NAME OR WHAT SCHOOL HE GOES TO
UM, BY HI, YOU MEAN WITH YOUR FIST, RIGHT?
HEHEHE OF COURSE NOT
FIRST WE TALK, THEN I PUNCH HIM
punch!

AAH!
a river!
I MEAN, C'MON!? HE DOESN'T KNOW A THING ABOUT HER!
YET HE GIVES HER THE OKAY JUST BE-CAUSE SHE'S CUTE AND NOTHING ELSE...!?
IT'S LIKE A DUEL! BY THE RIVER!
live image
SO CLICHE!
WE'RE STILL ON THE SAME STREET THERE...
I'M SURE. AT THAT PLACE..
THE RIVER BANK!
THAT'S WHERE I CONFESSED TO HIM!

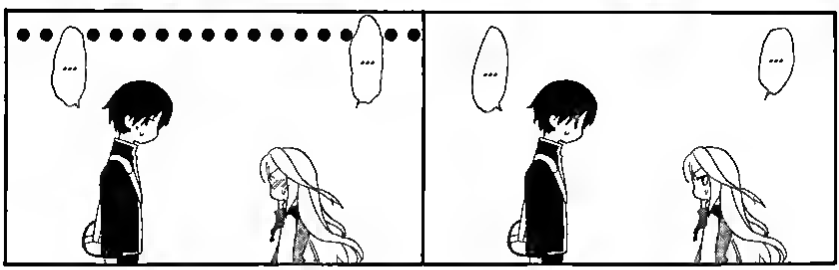
IF HE'S NOT THERE, THEN YOU CAN APOLOGIZE TO HIM TOMORROW AND PRETEND IT NEVER HAPPENED.
TODAY AFTER SCHOOL, IF HE HAPPENS TO BE THERE, THEN YOU'LL DATE HIM AS IT IS
...OKAY, SO HOW'S THIS?
EH...
WE SHOULD LET HIMARI DO WHAT SHE WANTS.
stop! stop!
guard
SHUUKO, WHAT EXACTLY..
shake
shake
B-B-BUT...
HIMARI!!
LET'S SAY HE DOES SHOW UP.

WOULDN'T THAT MEAN HE GAVE IT SOME THOUGHT
AND WANTED TO MEET AS WELL?
That's pretty scary, don't ya think
What kind of pervy game are you playing to be waiting in front of an all-girls school?
How about waiting at the front gate..?
IF HE'S LIKE THAT, I THINK YOU TWO MIGHT HIT IT OFF
FINE!
BUT IF YOU DON'T SEE HIM, THEN THAT'S THAT!
No following now..
OKAY...
SO...

WHAT EXACTLY DO I WANT TO DO ?
Do I want him to be there?
Or not?
Saaaaa
WHICHEVER IT IS,
...haaa
but,
if he really
If he doesn't show up, then I'll apologize tomorrow and say I got the wrong person...
...does come, then—
AH!
gasp!

UM.. THANK YOU FOR THIS MORNING..
I'M ASHIHARA HIMARI, FROM HOSHIGAOKA GIRLS HIGH.
AH...
S..SAME HERE...
I'M KAI SATORU, FROM YURI HIGH.

ONCE AGAIN...
NICE TO MEET YOU!
..WHAT NEXT?
...SO,
cant look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And thus marks the beginning of their very first relationship.

PLEASE! GO OUT WITH ME!!
NG
and repeat.
uh, what?

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STEP.2

MORN—
—INGZ
AH, YAE.
MORNING.
くたり…
W-WHAT'S WRONG?
SHE CAME TO SCHOOL TODAY WITH HER BOYFRIEND.

TCH.. THAT YANKEE BONEHEAD HUH...
WHOA, YOU SOUND LIKE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A DELINQUENT!
チッ
I MEAN...
I COULDN'T SAY ANYTHING...
OR EVEN LOOK AT HIM...
MMM...
HE APPEARS REALLY BIG WHEN I'M NEXT TO HIM... HE'S A BOY AFTER ALL...
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT...
ずうん
OH...
OFFOSITE REACTIONS!

WHY DON'T YOU TRY GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER BY TEXT?
08:26
'cause it's himari
WELL, I KNEW THAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN.
TEXT...
TEXT, HUH ..
YEAH.
...
DON'T TELL ME... YOU STILL HAVEN'T ASKED FOR HIS NUMBER..?
think of all the hard work we put in yesterday
I T-T-TOTALLY DID THOUGH?
HIMARI!
IT'S OKAY ALREADY!
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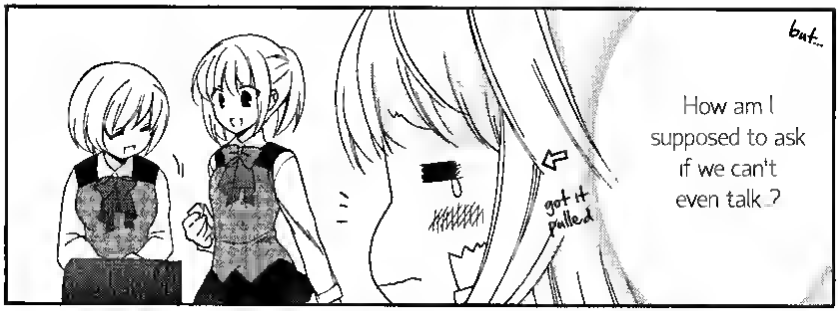
but...
How am I supposed to ask if we can't even talk..?
got it pulled

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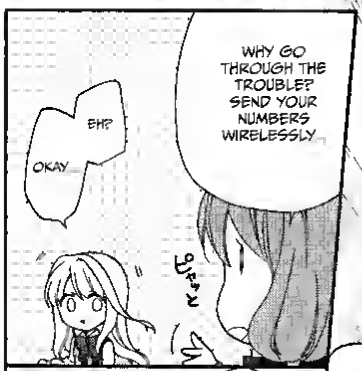
WHY GO THROUGH THE TROUBLE? SEND YOUR NUMBERS WIRELESSLY
EH?
OKAY...
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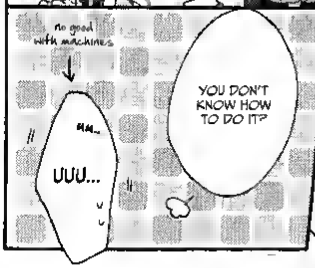

no good with machines
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO IT?
UUU...

A LETTER!
THAT'S RIGHT! I CAN WRITE A LETTER AND HAND IT TO HIM!

I was the one who asked him out anyway
WELL,
I'VE ALREADY DECIDED TO GO OUT WITH HIM AT THE VERY LEAST, I WANT TO TRY DOING WHAT I CAN...
It's easier to get things across in a letter
BUT HEY!
SINCE I'M WRITING A LETTER, I CAN WRITE OTHER THINGS TOO
Wha...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR...
MAYBE I'LL STOP BEING AFRAID OF BOYS...
HAHAHA
AND BE ABLE TO GET ALONG WITH THEM NATURALLY...
HEHEHE
HEY YOU TWO YOU'RE MAKING REALLY SCARY FACES
having your imagination get this better of you isn't going to get you anywhere
THAT BONE-HEAD..!!
G-get... a..long..!!

HUH? YOU'RE NOT WRITING IT NOW?
OKAY! SINCE I KNOW WHAT TO DO NOW, I FEEL A LOT BETTER.
I WON'T SAY ANYTHING BAD. PLEASE DON'T DO IT TONIGHT.
ehhh... BUT THERE'S PEOPLE AROUND..
HIMARI!!
IN THAT CASE, I GUESS I'LL WRITE IT NOW...
Really... this girl..
?
?

Jeez!
Jeez...
YOU JUST WANT TO READ IT, DON'T YOU!!

...I WALKED TO SCHOOL WITH MY GIRLFRIEND.
A MAN OF ACTION, EH?
OOH! THAT WAS FAST!
THE ONLY WORDS THAT WERE SPOKEN WERE "MORNING" AND "BYE".

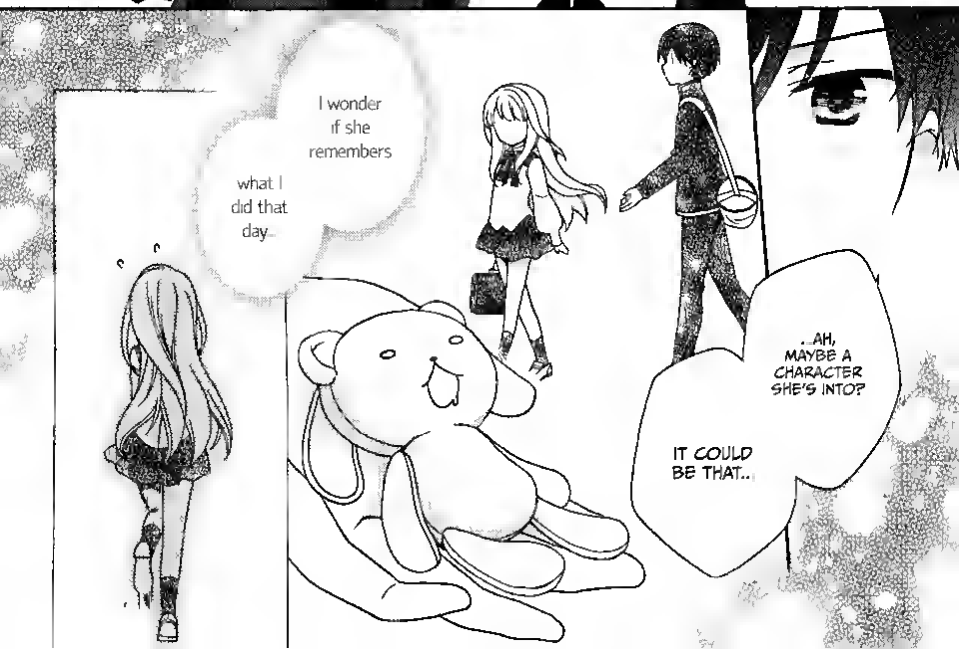
I wonder why...
Was it something I did without knowing..?
WELL, THAT'S NOTHING NEW IT'S GONNA BE A LITTLE AWKARD WHEN YOU FIRST START DATING.
TRY GETTING CLOSER OVER TEXT OR SOMETHING...
AH.. HER MAIL ADDRESS..
WHAT, YOU STILL DIDN'T ASK FOR IT!?
YOU'RE HER BOYFRIEND. JUST ASK HER
BOY
FRIEND
A BOYFRIEND WHO DOESN'T KNOW HIS GIRLFRIEND'S CONTACT INFO, EH?
NOT INTENTIONAL

ASK HER FOR HER MAIL ADDRESS...
HUH..
THE QUESTION IS HOW YOU'RE GONNA ASK HER WHEN SHE CAN'T EVEN LOOK AT YOU
RIGHT...
HEY, SEND YOUR NUMBER WIRELESSLY WHILE SHE ISN'T LOOKING!
like this
THAT'S A CRIME.
THEN,
WHY DON'T YOU HELP HER RELAX SO IT'LL BE EASIER FOR HER TO TALK?
MAYBE THAT'LL WORK OUT.

WOULDN'T CURRY BE FOOL-PROOF!?
no, wait...
everybody loves curry!

HELP HER RELAX...
SO BRING SOMETHING SHE LIKES?
IT'S ONLY BEEN TWO DAYS, SO...
I don't know what she likes
hmm...

hey!
I'M GIVING YOU AN IDEA HERE!!
MMM...
YOU GOT ANYTHING, KAI?


I wonder if she remembers
what I did that day...
..AH, MAYBE A CHARACTER SHE'S INTO?
IT COULD BE THAT..

IF YOU'RE TOO SCARY, WHY DON'T YOU TRY HIDING YOUR FACE...
WITH A BAG!
YOU KNOW YOU'RE ACTUALLY PRETTY SCARY FROM THE SIDE
I think it's your eyes
but, I get the feeling she's still going to avoid looking at me
I CAME UP WITH SOME-THING GOOD!
hey
HEY, WHAT SHOULD I DO, OTOGI?
OI! HINO-ZAKI -KUN IS!
TALK-ING!!
HERE!!

WAIT.
ACTUALLY, THAT MAY JUST WORK.
WHAT?
Next morning

Just...
hand it over... it'll be Fast!
in pocket
Ah. I gotta make it easier for us to talk!
ahem!
TODAY'S WEATHER IS REAL NICE, ISN'T IT!
ヒック
コク
コクリ
O...
OKAY!
ゴク
I SCREWED THAT UP
レーーーん

DAMN IT, HINO-ZAKI!!
?
?
curry?
not supposed to take me seriously dude
DO YOU LIKE CURRY?
!?
WHY CURRY ALL OF A SUDDEN!?
OH, I KNOW!
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!
KAI EVEN STARTED THE CONVERSATION TOO!!
I GUESS.
OKAY, NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO WORRY!
I'll have to use this...
HE—
HEY

IF YOU DON'T MIND... YOUR MAIL ADDRESS...

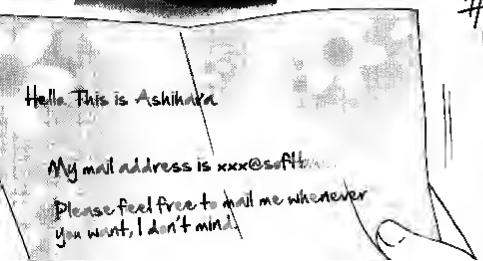
THERE'S NO WAY I'M USING A PAPER BAG!
Paper!
混乱
W—
WAIT
WAIT
W-WHAT? WAIT
WAIT...
UH...
I MEAN...
OF COURSE NOT.
YOU'LL USE THE MASCOT.
MAKE A MASK AND WEAR IT. IT MIGHT DO THE TRICK!
UM... I KNOW MY APPEARANCE IS KIND OF, YOU KNOW,
BUT I THOUGHT THIS MASK MIGHT MAKE IT EASIER TO TALK... OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

AH
DON'T TAKE IT OFF!
BUT I GUESS THIS IS JUST MAKING IT WORSE...

OH
OKAY...
Kai's giving it his best.
Time to give it all I have!
It's my turn now...

I'll look straight at him
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME
without looking away.
OUR EYES MET.
I'll make sure to tell him.
HERE.
MY MAIL ADDRESS AND OTHER STUFF... ARE WRITTEN IN HERE SO...

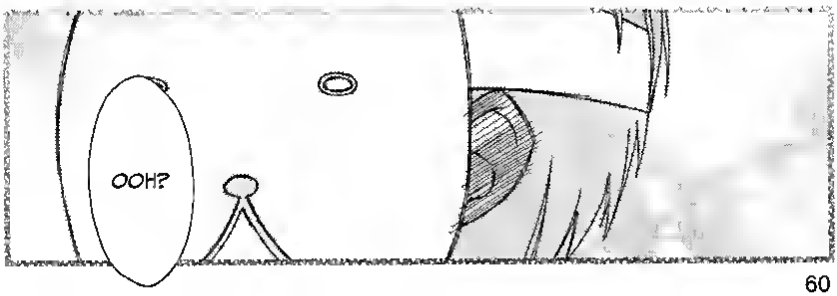
huh!
.....
A-A LETTER!?

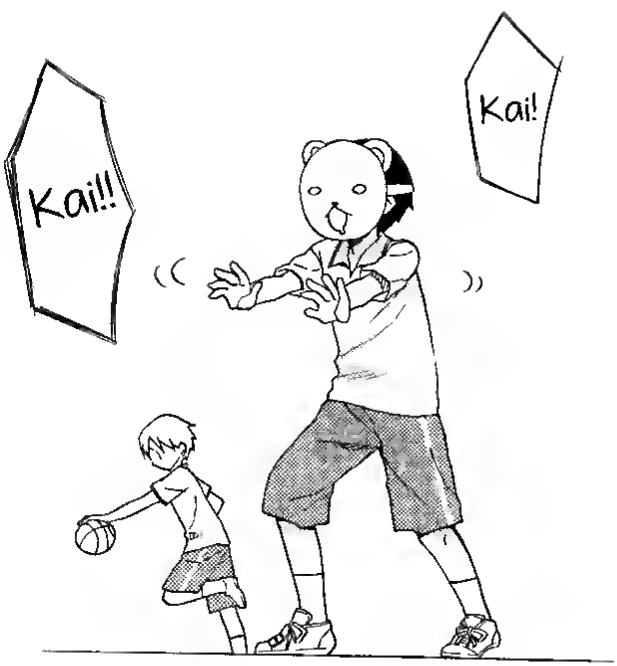

Hello. This is Ashihara
My mail address is xxx@soft
Please feel free to mail me whenever you want, I don't mind.

E—
EXCUSE ME!

THERE'S MORE...
Also, you might not remember, but thank you for picking up my keychain.
I'm sorry for not thanking you earlier. I was too surprised that I couldn't do it.
Again, thank you very much.
I'M SORRY, THANK YOU
I'M SORRY, THANK YOU !
←feelings

she remembered...

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It's been a whole day since I handed him the letter
I haven't gotten a text from him yet.
NOTHING YET...
Haa...

STEP.3

I'M PRETTY SURE I PUT THE LETTER IN THE ENVELOPE
Hmm
OR MAYBE I WROTE DOWN THE WRONG MAIL ADDRESS...!?
mmmm
mmmm
I HAVE TO SUCK IT UP AND ASK HIM MAYBE
Remember how you were yesterday!!

I CAN'T DO IT!!!
ぴゃあああ
...

"WHAT DO YOU USUALLY TALK ABOUT IN TEXTS"?
HUH?
No,
I DON'T MEAN THAT...
So you wanted a reply huh.
That's cruel!!
WAIT, IT ACTUALLY WENT THROUGH!?
NO ONE WAS RESPONDING SO I THOUGHT IT WASN'T WORKING!
Hino
[Important]
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Curry's Goooooood
THE POINTLESS ONES
DIDN'T YOU GET THE TEXTS FROM HINOZAKI YESTERDAY?
SO THAT'S WHY YOU WERE GRINNING SO MUCH YESTERDAY.
sou, sou
I MANAGED TO GET ASHIHARA-SAN'S MAIL ADDRESS BUT
OH! YOU DID IT!

I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT I SHOULD WRITE TO HER...
I lost some sleep over it...
...
WAIT A SECOND SO YOUR TEXT...
huh?
HAVEN'T SENT ONE YET...
YOU GOT IT YESTERDAY AND YOU HAVEN'T SENT ONE YET!!?
Are...
ARE YOU STUPID!?
W-well...
I DID TRY MAKING ONE...
GIVE IT HERE

!!
And delete.
TOO LONG.
BEEP
Loaded
Thank you for the letter yesterday. I registered your address on my phone. Ashitaro-san's first name is written and read as Asahi, yes? My name is written as Kia Satono. It's a lot more ordinary compared to your name. Speaking of which, what do your friends call you? My friends call me Kia. About the mascot incident, you
...STILL,
TEXTING WITH YOUR GIRLFRIEND THAT'S ROMANCE FOR YOU
BUT I, TOO, AM FULL OF ROMANCE!
FOR NOW, JUST MAKE IT SHORT AND SIMPLE
LIKE TAP AND SEND
TAP AND SEND
Here.
UGH, FINE, FINE... LET'S HEAR IT
Aaah, so naggy
FULL OF ROMANCE !!!

SO JUST BEFORE YOU SLEEP, YOU SEND... A TEXT...
WHEN YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND, YOU SEE... YOU USUALLY SEND TEXTS LATE AT NIGHT, RIGHT?
RECIEVED TEXT
Hino-kun
04/24 23 44
Gooood
OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, HAHA!!
RECIEVED TEXT
Girlfriend
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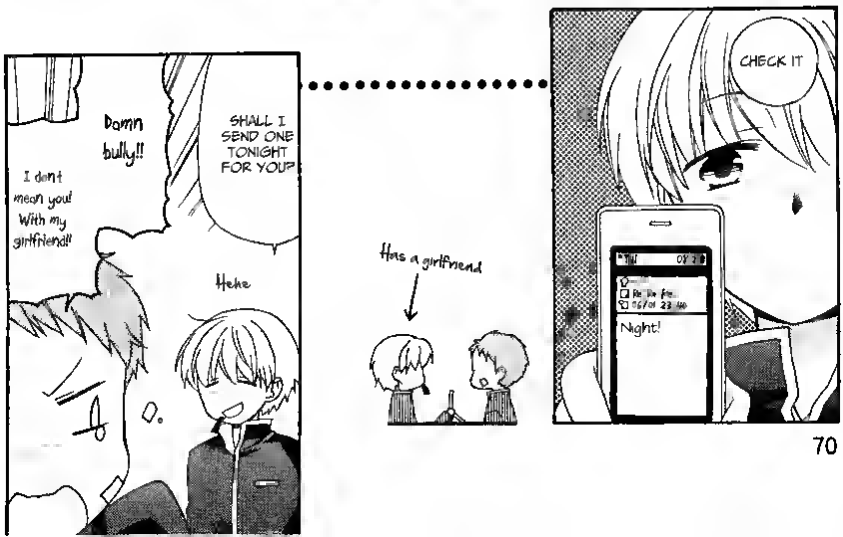
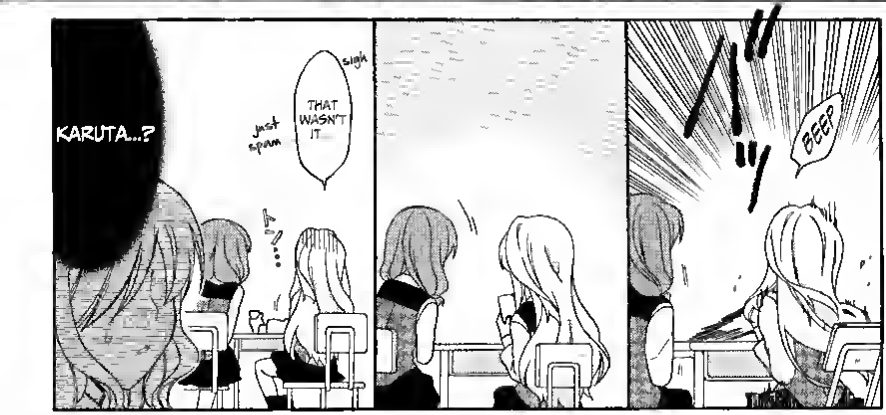
Night ♡


Damn bully!!
SHALL I SEND ONE TONIGHT FOR YOU?
I don't mean you! With my girlfriend!!
Heke
Has a girlfriend
CHECK IT
Night!

TAP AND SEND...
TAP AND SEND...?
What the hell!
It's always about you two!
Blah blah
tap tap


KARUTA...?
Just spam
sigh
THAT WASN'T IT...
BEEP

CLASSMATE

MAKING HIMARI FEEL LIKE THIS
THAT BONE-HEAD!!
Maybe
MAYBE YOU REALLY DID WRITE YOUR ADDRESS DOWN WRONG
INCOMING MAIL
BEEP BEEP
WHAT A PAIN IN THE BUTT
DAMN THAT BONE-HEAD!!
HIMARI'S SO CUTE WHEN SHE'S HAPPY
MAKE SURE TO REGISTER HIS ADDRESS FIRST
AH! IT'S FROM KAI-KUN!

SHEESH... YOU'RE SO HOPELESS
I'LL DO IT FOR YOU
UH...UHM, REGISTER...
"KAI-KUN <3" ...AND REGISTER.
No! STOO-OOOP!
HELLO, THIS IS KAI.
I'M SORRY FOR THE LATE TEXT. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY SO I COULDN'T REALLY SEND ANYTHING.
MY MAIL ADDRESS IS...
I SEE...

LET'S REPLY BACK.
en garde
OKAY!
tap tap tap tap tap tap tap tap tap
huh?
why did everything disappear?
there it is!
thank you for the tip. ah! I typed too much!
Um.
to to
need to extend it
I'LL TYPE THE TEXT FOR YOU. JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY.
Uuuu
HIMARI...
ISN'T THAT ONE OF THOSE CELLPHONES FOR OLD PEOPLE?
YOINK

AH, ER, UM
OH! THANK YOU FOR YOUR TEXT.
I WAS WONDERING WHEN YOU WERE GOING TO SEND ONE... ER, THAT SOUNDS LIKE I HAVE A GRUDGE.
UMMM..
I'M... LOOKING FORW...
Shuuko-chan, don't tell me..!!
AHAHA, FINALLY NOTICED?
I just wanted to see how embarrassed you'd get♡
I'll write one myself!

Kai!
WHAT..
Kehehe
NICE CATCH, KAI!
Stop spacing out..
YOU WON'T GET A REPLY SINCE THEY RE IN CLASS TOO, YOU KNOW
AH.. RIGHT
They're in class too

I BETTER HURRY AND FIX
I—
The nervousness over when the phone will ring next...
...I wonder if Ashihara-san feels the same way
MAYBE I OVERDID THINGS...
!
Bzz Bzz

Feeling accomplished
ぽっん
Gotta respond quickly...!!
WE'RE HEADING BACK TO CLASS.
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

HIMARI!
WHOA!
A REPLY ALREADY!
CHANGING CLASSES
I KNOW YOU'RE HAPPY GETTING TEXTS FROM YOUR BOYFRIEND
BUT YAE'S GOING TO SULK IF THAT'S ALL YOU THINK ABOUT.
WHA!?
CHEMISTRY
tap
tap
SO—
SORRY.

I knew it.
Because I kept looking at my cellphone my friends
ROUGH DRAFT
I can talk through text without getting self-conscious
I can tell that it's from "Kai-kun" and not some boy
I can tell that it's from Kai-kun
...

Because I kept looking at my cellphone,
I'll try my best!

Ashihara
Re
06/02 12:21
Because I kept looking at my cellphone my friends wouldn't stop making fun of me

GO FIRST
JEEZ
WE'LL GRAB SOME SEATS THEN
tap
tap

HEY KAI, LET'S GO TO THE CAFETERIA!

BEEP BEEP
BEEP
パーン
HM?
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO REPLY BACK?

DON'T TELL ME HE SAID SOMETHING RUDE TO YOU...!!
Yae-chan, you have a really bad image of him!
NO, HE DIDN'T!
IT'S OKAY!
?
?

TO KAI-KUN

THANK YOU FOR THE TEXT THIS AFTERNOON!
I THINK YOIR SUGGESTION TO SEND A TEXT EVERY NIGHT IS A VERY GOOD IDEA.

I'M REALLY BAD AT TYPING TEXTS, BUT I'M REALLY HAPPY BEING ABLE TO SEND THEM.

I'LL BE WAITING TOMORROW AT THE SAME PLACE AS ALWAYS.

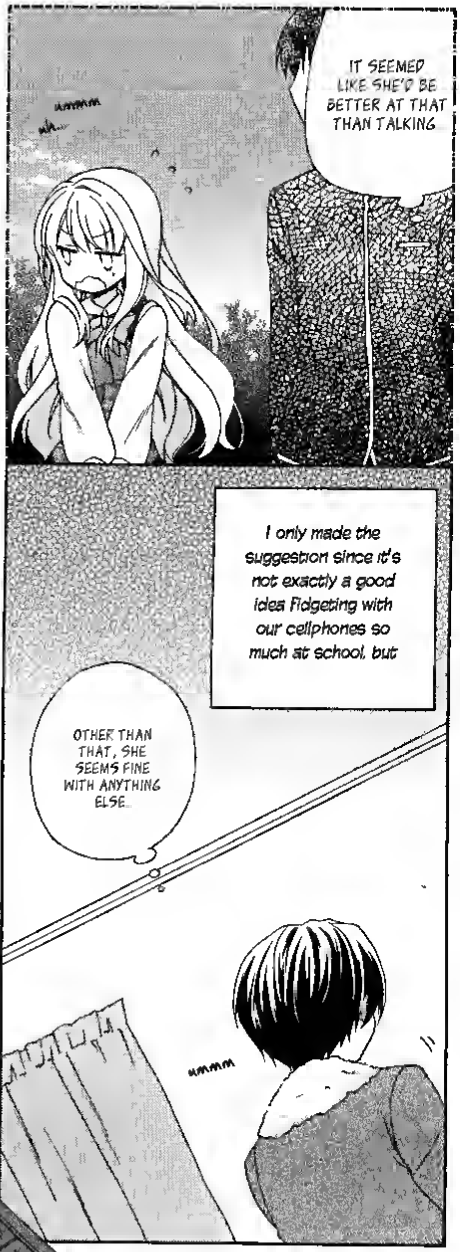
GOOD NIHGT.

GOOD EVENING, THIS IS KAI.

I'M GLAD.
AS A MATTER OF FACT, I KEPT LOOKING AT MY PHONE ALL DAY TODAY TOO. MY FRIENDS LEFT ME BEHIND AFTER P.E. BECAUSE OF THAT.

I KNOW NEITHER OF US ARE USED TO ANY OF THIS YET, BUT I HOPE WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET ALONG BETTER FROM HERE ON.

SEE YOU...


IT SEEMED LIKE SHE'D BE BETTER AT THAT THAN TALKING
I only made the suggestion since it's not exactly a good idea fidgeting with our cellphones so much at school, but
OTHER THAN THAT, SHE SEEMS FINE WITH ANYTHING ELSE.
UMMM

Good night.
The next morning
MORNING.
...SO OBVIOUS...

Still can't type properly
I BOUGT A LOT OF DANUTS HAFF OFF AT A SALT RESENTLY
!?
Sometimes she types things completely wrong, so it's hard to figure out what she's trying to say

はじおつ。

PRESENTED BY TSUKASA UNOHANA
MANGA TIME KR COMICS
HOUBUNSHA

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にんまり
WE WALK TO SCHOOL TOGETHER EVERY MORNING
AND WE TEXT EACH OTHER EVERY DAY
WE TOTALLY LOOK LIKE A PERFECT COUPLE, DON'T WE!?
yes!
HIMARI...

We didn't even notice how mature you've become...
You've already become a splendid lady
You're so dazzling, Himari.
HEH HEH HEH...
I HAVE BECOME MATURE AFTER ALL!!
Beep beep!

Do you want to walk home after school today?

STEP.4
SHUUKO -CHAN! YAE -CHAN!

OH! KAI-KUN'S REALLY BOLD!
ISN'T THAT A CRIME?
NO, IT ISN'T!
ANYWAY...
ARE YOU OKAY, HIMARI?
huff
huff
ye—
—ah
Hmm
THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME IN THE MORNING, SO WE JUST WALK STRAIGHT TO SCHOOL, BUT...
AFTER SCHOOL'S A DIFFERENT STORY, ISN'T IT...?
WALKING HOME TOGETHER AFTER SCHOOL...
THAT MEANS...

A-A-A DATE!?
YEAH, SHUUKO
CALL IT AN ILLICIT SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP INSTEAD!
NO!
IT'S AN AFTER SCHOOL DATE!
すぱ?
You've already become a splendid lady...
Splendid lady. Lady...
Himari's become so mature
So mature.
HUH, WHAT?
I'M SORRY FOR BEING COCKY
By date, she means...
Doing this...
and doing that...
Did you wait long?

WHAT SHOULD I DO .?
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO, HIMARI?
DO YOU NOT WANT TO WALK HOME WITH HIM?
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT!
FOR SURE!!
Huh?
HIMARI'S WEARING GLASSES ALL OF A SUDDEN.
Tha-
THAT'S NOT IT.
BUT,
IT'S JUST A LITTLE...
NERVE-WRACK-ING...

A date is...
A date is...
WHAT?
NOT TO MENTION I DON'T KNOW THE FIRST THING ABOUT GOING ON DATES...
IT LOOKS LIKE SHE'S GOTTEN USED TO KAI-KUN, BUT OTHER BOYS ARE A DIFFERENT STORY.
ALRIGHT
THIS CALLS FOR TRAINING!

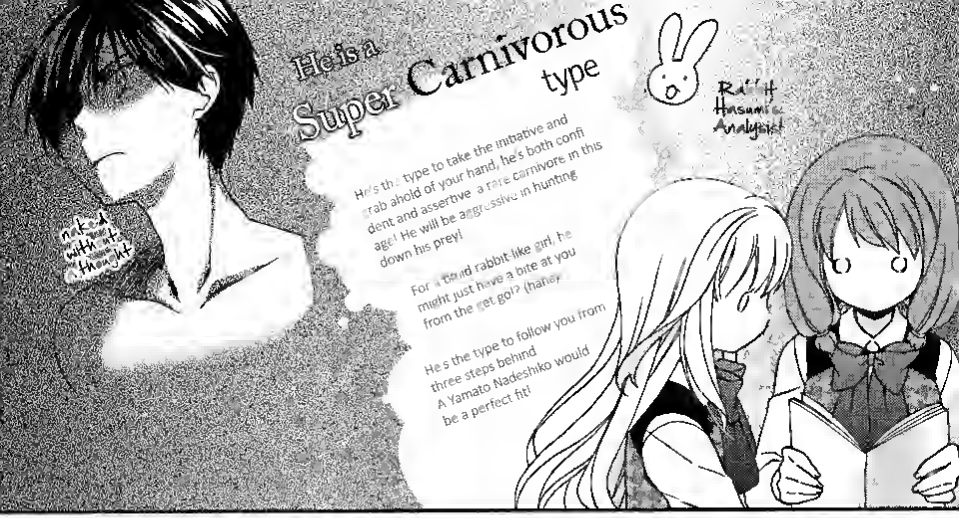
I have plans today, but I'm free tomorrow.

EH?
WELL, DO YOUR BEST.
MAKE SURE YOU PRACTICE YOUR PART.
YOU HAPPY BAS-TARD.
I'm getting embarrassed just watching you.
YUP.
WELL, SOMETIMES THINGS JUST DON'T WORK OUT RIGHT?
I have club anyway.
I GUESS...I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO THOUGHT THEY'D TAG ALONG...
YEAH
I SHOULDN'T BE RELYING ON THEM ALL THE TIME, ANYWAY
BURN IN HELL, NORMAL-FAGS...!
I HAVE A DATE WITH MY GIRL-FRIEND TODAY, TOO.
CHOMP CHOMP

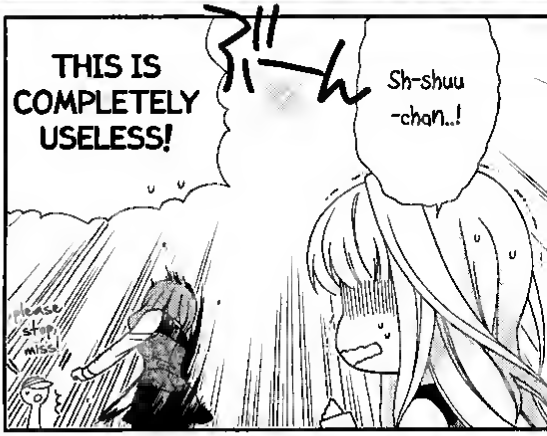
RIGHT ON!
I'LL PRACTICE BY MYSELF TODAY.
RIGHT!
TEXT US IF SOMETHING HAPPENS.
so oily...
this'll cheer you up
have mine, too
YEAH.
McDonald's
24 OPEN

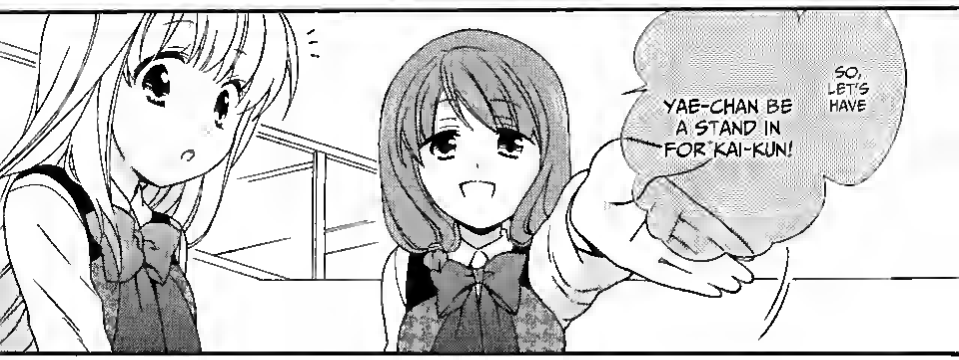
LONG AGO, A PERSON ONCE SAID THIS!
KNOW THYSELF AND THY ENEMY AND YOU WILL BE THE VICTOR OF HUNDREDS OF BATTLES!!
blowing horn
ブォォォ!

たったの7着で着まわし30日
チャート式で簡単診断
あなたのカレ、どんなタイプ?
THAT SAID, LET'S ANALYZE WHAT YOUR BOYFRIEND IS LIKE WITH THIS BOOK.
A-A CHART?
"HE WALKS VERY FAST"
"HE HAS A SHARP LOOK"
MMM, YES?
YES...
AND THE RESULT IS..


He is a
Super Carnivorous
type
Rai'ti Hasumi's Analysis!
He's the type to take the initiative and grab ahold of your hand, he's both confident and assertive - a rare carnivore in this age! He will be aggressive in hunting down his prey!
For a timid rabbit-like girl, he might just have a bite at you from the get go!? (haha)
He's the type to follow you from three steps behind
A Yamato Nadeshiko would be a perfect fit!

I GUESS HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE WILL BE BETTER.


THIS IS COMPLETELY USELESS!
Sh-shuu -chan..!
Please stop, miss!


YAE-CHAN BE A STAND IN FOR KAI-KUN!
SO, LET'S HAVE

AS USUAL YOUR IMAGE OF KAI-KUN IS TOTALLY NEGATIVE...
I'M JUST THE SUBSTITUTE FOR THAT NOBODY AFTER ALL.
BUT SHE LOOKS REALLY PISSED OFF!!!
munch munch
SULKING
put her glasses back on because she can't see
anyway let's give it a shot.
LET'S GO WITH YOU STOPPING BY MSD ON THE WAY HOME.
pretend she's kai-kun!
START!!
UH UHM
THINK OF HER AS KAI-KUN!

UM...
as kai-kun!
W-WHAT DO YOU WANT TO EAT?
UM.. THANK YOU FOR TODAY...
THINK OF HER AS KAI-KUN
YOU PASS! YOU'RE SO CUTE! I LOVE YOU!!
HEY! PLAY THE PART RIGHT!
it's kai kun...

You're so cute!
I love you..!
E
EEEEEE
EEEEEEEK
ah
AH, SORRY YAE -CHAN...

HIMARI!
I DID TELL YOU TO THINK OF HER AS KAI-KUN
OH, I SEE
OH!!
STOP THAT YAE!!
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT KICKING HIM INSTEAD!?
THAT WAS A GOOD RESPONSE!
BUT YOU SHOULD BE A LITTLE ROUGHER NEXT TIME!!
whisper
whisper
masochist_?
MsDonald's

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
I didn't tell him to send me a text, but I
RECEIVED TEXT 092
KAI SATORU
(NO SUBJECT)
WHAT SHOULD I TALK ABOUT IF WE STOP TALKING? OTOGI WHAT DO YOU TALK ABOUT WITH YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?
RECEIVED TEXT 091
KAI SATORU
(NO SUBJECT)
ARE GIRLS INTO ARCADES AT ALL? I SHOULD PROBABLY AVOID IT HUH?
RECEIVED TEXT 090
KAI SATORU
(NO SUBJECT)
SHOULD WE GO TO MSD OR THE DONUTS SHOP? WHICH ONE IS BETTER?

RECEIVED TEXT 055
KAI SATORU
(NO SUBJECT)
WOULDN'T MIND BE THE CHEAPER OPTIONS ANYWAY. WE CAN TALK MORE TOMORROW.
oh, he got mad
so this area has these kinds of shops
BEEP BEEP
FIRST OFF
I THINK HIMARI'S PERSPECTIVES ON GUYS NEEDS SOME FIXING.

so hungry~
I'll take
A "FISH BURGER AND SALMON CHEESEBURGER WITH FRIES" PLUS A "TUNA POTATO SALAD" PLEASE.
IT'S NOT LIKE EVERYONE'S A VIOLENT, AGGRESSIVE, HEAVY EATER.
YOU SHOULDN'T BE LUMPING ALL GUYS TOGETHER.
AT THE VERY LEAST, THEY AREN'T AS BAD AS WHAT HIMARI SEES THEM AS.
LET'S TAKE YAE FOR AN EXAMPLE. SHE PROBABLY THINKS KAI-KUN IS AN AGGRESSIVE FATTY WITH A TERRIBLE FACIAL EXPRESSION WHO VIOLENTLY GRABS AT WHATEVER FOOD HE CAN GET AND WON'T HESITATE TO DECEIVE PEOPLE.
YOU CAN'T EVEN CALL THAT A PERSON ANYMORE! MORE LIKE A DEMON!
she's not even denying it!
THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS OF COURSE!!
what bad hearing!!
heavy ea..
BUT, HIMARI.
YOU KNOW WHAT KAI-KUN'S LIKE, RIGHT?
WHAT'S HE LIKE?

Kai-kun is...
Oh, that's right.
He's always really kind... I think...
OKAY!
NOW THAT YOU'RE NOT TENSE ANYMORE, LET'S TRY A SIMULATION!
YES!
WHEN DO YOU ARRIVE AT THE MEETING SPOT?
U-UM, FIVE MINUTES BEFORE...?
GOOD!
WHAT DO YOU SAY WHEN HE ARRIVES LATE?
EH
UH
"I JUST GOT HERE, TOO!"

WHEN HE TRIES TO HOLD YOUR HAND, YOU...?
EH?
HE SHOULD JUST GO DIE!
yue
I-I quickly do a spin!
WHY!?
NICE, HIMARI!!
NEXT!
Don't lose control even if a boy holds my hand
reminder

WHAT DO YOU DO IF YOU LOSE SIGHT OF YOUR BOY-FRIEND?
GO HOME.
NICE AGAIN, HIMARI!
HIS FLY IS WIDE OPEN! WHAT DO YOU DO!?
U-UM, POINT IT OUT TO HIM..!
YEAH!
YOU SEE SOMEONE YOU KNOW!
WALK AWAY FROM HIM..!
PER-FECT!
YAE! HIMARI!
They're so noisy.
UWAA AAAH!
...OKAY, THAT'S ENOUGH.

SECRET TECHNIQUE: "WHENEVER YOU'RE IN TROUBLE, JUST SMILE!!"
SINCE WE'RE GETTING NOWHERE, I'LL TEACH YOU SOMETHING GOOD, HIMARI
OH
OKAY.
AS LONG AS YOU CAN KEEP YOUR SMILE, YOU WON'T MAKE A BAD IMPRESSION
That seems kind of random
NOW HIMARI, IMAGINE KAI-KUN IN FRONT OF YOU!!
Kai-kun's there...
Just smile...

Tomorrow's the day of the battle!

Today's weathe-
will be clear and later cloudy.
In the afternoon, a small region in the mountains will likely see a rain shower.
ポツ
ALRIGHT.
NO...
NO, NO...

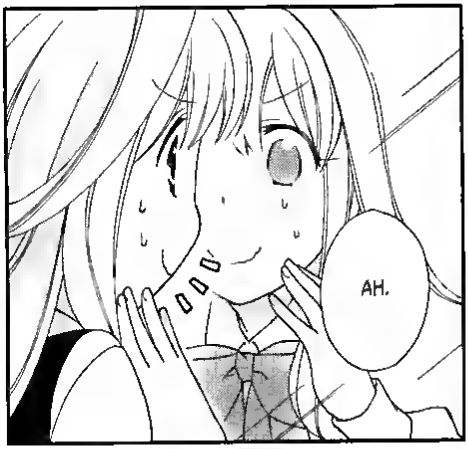
STEP.5
I'M OFF.
ぱたーん
In case we get hurt...
In case something gets in our eyes...
medicine
Eye
In case we get hungry...
A towel just in case...

HOW'S IT GOING, KAI?
TODAY'S FINALLY THE AFTER SCHOOL DATE
Exhausted...

I'm tired-
WE WERE TOO NERVOUS TO TALK ABOUT ANYTHING WITH THE AFTER SCHOOL DATE ON OUR MINDS...
Wh... What's up...?
ARE YOU GONNA BE OKAY?
I'd like to say I'm fine...
But I have NO confidence
It still feels like a dream, being able to go out with her...
When she ran away in fright, she reminded me of a small animal
It all started when I picked up her keychain

Since then,
my interest
in her grew
Every time we
crossed paths
in the morning,
my eyes would
follow her
And then
She confessed to me.

I'LL BE GOING HOME WITH HER AFTER SCHOOL
FOR THE FIRST TIME!


AH.

IT WAS SO SHOCKING AND UNBELIEVABLE
THAT ALL I COULD MUSTER IN RESPONSE WAS ONE WORD.
SAY WHA-Á-Á-AAA
okay
Trying to process

SORRY, DID YOU WAIT?
N!?
Blush
N-NO, JUST NOW...
"pa!"
A DATE -LIKE EX-CHANGE!!
..LET'S GET GOING
O-OKAY
Why the parenthesis?
I SHOWED OTOGI (AND HINOZAKI) WHAT MY PLANS WERE.
THE GOAL UP TO THE PARK SHOULD BE...
PERFECT!!
First stop, the book store
ah
DO YOU MIND IF I STOP BY THERE REAL FAST?

I DON'T REALLY READ THEM VERY OFTEN, BUT...
FIRST, I'LL TRY TO START OFF WITH MAGAZINE TRENDS THAT MIGHT ATTRACT HER INTEREST!
Ahem
DO YOU READ MAGAZINES OR ANY-THING?
EH?
simple diagnosis chart!!
WONDERING WHAT YOUR BOYFRIEND'S TYPE IS? TAKE OUR PERSONALITY QUIZ!
Huh!?
AH, THIS...
THAT'S QUITE THE HOBBY, HUH...
Y-YEAH.
SORRY SHIUKO-CHAN!
THIS ONE! MY FRIEND WAS READING THIS ONE!!
盆栽!

EH, UMM..
EH?
EH?
didn't we come here because you needed something?
ANYWAY, WHAT ARE YOU BUYING, KAI-KUN?
HER FRIEND, HUH
BOOKS
BOOKS
I KNOW! AT A TIME LIKE THIS..
SMILE HIMARI!
well that was a waste of money
YEAH..
HUH? HE DOESN'T SEEM VERY HAPPY..?
YOU NEEDED A REFERENCE BOOK, HUH?

THAT'S
VERY ADMIRABLE OF YOU, KAI -KUN...

WHAT THE...? IS SHE BORED...?
HUH!? I MADE HIM FEEL WORSE...!?
This wasn't supposed to happen!!

Y- YEAH.

PHEW...
AH!
O-OH, IT'S A DOG!
Ah
Aah...
I SEE...
Huuuh!?
YEAH...!
DO YOU LIKE DOGS?
THIS TIME FOR SURE!!

WHAT IS THIS...?
IS THIS HER WAY OF TELLING ME HOW SHE FEELS SINCE SHE CAN'T SPEAK VERY WELL...?
WHEN YOU'RE STUCK, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO...
When you're stuck, "food" is the way to go!!!
Second stop, the park
たこ焼
DO YOU WANT SOME TAKOYAKI?
THE STORE HERE MAKES REALLY GOOD ONES.

why don't you have some too Yashimura-san?
I already had ten plates through, hahaha
がっふがっふ
ドキ
ドキ
- COULD IT BE YOU DON'T LIKE IT -?
NO, THAT'S NOT IT!
oh no!
HERE.
HAVE A BITE.
すっ
TAKE ONE FROM THE PLATE!?
BY HAVE A BITE, DOES HE MEAN...
どーん

ぶる
ぶる...
Hurn
You shouldn't be lumping all guys together
It's not like they're all heavy eaters
...I SEE
WILL THAT... BE ENOUGH FOR YOU, KAI-KUN?
MM
?
PRETTY MUCH.

That's right.
ぽつ
AH, RAIN...
KAI-KUN, PLEASE TAKE THIS.
umbrella...

AH,
I'LL BE FINE, YOU SHOULD...
IT'S OKAY!
I WAS THINKING WE'D GET WET IF WE DIDN'T HAVE OUR OWN UMBRELLAS
USING THE SAME UMBRELLA IS TOO MUCH FOR ME...

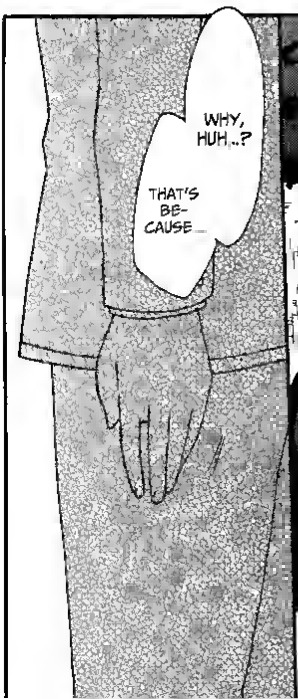
ER...
ACTUALLY, ME TOO...
eh?
WE BOTH BROUGHT TWO UMBRELLAS..!?
IT'S THE SAME AS BACK THEN...

She...
smiled.
THIS IS... KIND OF AMAZING, HUH?

ASHIHARA-SAN, I DON'T KNOW VERY MUCH ABOUT YOU RIGHT NOW.
I'M REALLY HAPPY.
Wapp?
BUT I REALLY WANT TO GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER!
The things you love or hate, the things that make you laugh...
Everything.

AH, NO, NO
AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME...
drop...
...

I THINK AS WE GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER LITTLE BY LITTLE...
I KNOW YOU'RE NOT USED TO DATING ME YET, BUT...
that's why...
IT'LL WORK OUT


WHY, HUH...?
THAT'S BE-CAUSE...

W-WHY WOULD YOU...?

...I LIKE YOU...

...WHA?
POP
UH...
UH...
POP
flutter
ASHIHARA-SAN?

B-BYE BYE!
TAP
TAP
TAP
ah
GUESS I WAS TOO DIRECT
...IT'S THE TRUTH THOUGH.
haa
haa

haa
haa
GOING HOME IS...
GOING HOME AFTER SCHOOL IS...
BAD FOR MY HEART...!!

ASHIHARA -SAN, HERE...
I didn't mean it like that!
WHEN YOU'RE STUCK, "FOOD" IS THE WAY TO GO!
なるー。。

はじおつ。

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GOOD JOB KAI!
YOU STRUCK HOME!!
HMM... I DUNNO ABOUT THAT.
GOOD JOB HIMARI! YOU'VE REACHED YOUR GOAL!
NOW IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU TURN HIM DOWN!!

STEP.6

BUT SHE RAN AWAY IN THE END, RIGHT?
YEAH...
EH, WHY'S THAT? HE TOLD HER LIKE A MAN, DIDN'T HE?
WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THE MOOD.
I LIKE YOU KAI-KUN! HUG ME!!
LIKE THAT!
IF THE MOOD'S PERFECT, THEN IT'LL ACTUALLY HELP HER FOLLOW UP AFTER YOU.
YEAH RIGHT!!

ON TOP OF THAT, WITH TAKOYAKI IN ONE HAND...
I like you (the rest omitted)
SINCE YOU WERE SO BOLD ABOUT IT AT THE PARK.
I'M POSITIVE THE SHOP OWNER HEARD YOU.
Oh youngsters these days...
I like you
UGH.
IT'LL PROBABLY GO LIKE THIS
I CAN'T HANDLE IT ANYMORE!!
Ur
Uuurgh.
SO WHAT SHOULD HE DO THEN?
Okay, done copying
LET'S SEE...
IF YOU WANT TO BE CLICHE, THEN A FANCY DINNER WITH A NIGHT VIEW...
...DID YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT...?
Amour...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR. JUST PAY ATTENTION TO THE MOOD
AND I'M SURE SHE'LL TELL YOU HOW SHE FEELS TOO, DON'T YOU THINK?
MOOD, HUH...
Could that be from this magazine he was looking at?
Amusement park dating spots..?
A weekday? Um, your schedule is...
Perfect amusement park
He's surprisingly serious about this
ANY-
ANYWAY!

~Cooking Practice~
Tch.
I THOUGHT THE GOAL WAS TO GET USED TO BOYS!?
T-TURN HIM DOWN, YAE-CHAN?

BUT THAT ACTUALLY MIGHT'VE BEEN THE BEST CHOICE.
...WELL, YOU DID RUN AWAY THOUGH.
EH?

I MEAN, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SAY ANYTHING EVEN IF YOU STAYED, RIGHT?
UNLESS YOU SAID THIS
THAT'S NOT THE CASE FOR ME!
I WAS JUST TESTING MY COURAGE!!
BUT YOU CAN'T REALLY DO THAT.
...THAT'S RIGHT... WE'RE ONLY DATING RIGHT NOW BECAUSE
I WANTED TO GET OVER MY FEAR OF MEN...
KAI-KUN IS...
I LIKE YOU.

HIMARI?
.....
...MM.
I REALLY THINK I SHOULD TELL HIM... THE TRUTH...
WELL, IF HIMARI'S FINE WITH IT, THEN WHY NOT?
ジジジ
BUT NOW WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW YOU SHOULD TELL HIM
SO IT DOESN'T HURT HIM TOO MUCH.

I WONDER IF I'LL BE ABLE TO SAY IT PROPERLY...
I'm not used to boys or love at all yet
So there's no way I'd be able to say it...
EH?
EEEEEEE EEEEEK!!
SPURT

Ar-
ARE YOU OKAY, HIMARI?
I SPACED OUT THERE...
YOU SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL WHEN YOU'RE HOLDING THE KNIFE!
Something seems a bit off...
Well, that's fine. Group 3 can go ahead and eat
DID YOU FIGURE OUT WHAT TO SAY TO KAI-KUN?
Delicious!
YEAH...

PUZZLED
EH? IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH TELLING HIM NOW?
SO TACT-LESS!!
I'M JUST WORRIED I WON'T BE ABLE TO TELL HIM WITHOUT HURTING HIM...
...I HAVE SOMETHING TO GIVE YOU HIMARI.
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A LETTER...?
IF YOU'RE REALLY HAVING TROUBLE, THEN HAND THIS TO KAI-KUN AND EVERYTHING SHOULD WORK OUT.

OOH, I SEE.
SHUUKO -CHAN...
I KNEW THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN SO I HAD IT PREPARED BEFOREHAND.
I made it while you went to the nurse
An-
ANYWAY, THANK YOU, SHUUKO-CHAN.
EVEN A NOBODY WOULDN'T COMPLAIN ABOUT RECEIVING MONEY.
MONEY, HUH?
YOUR IMAGE OF KAI-KUN IS GETTING WORSE!!
I'll think it over when I get home.
Today's Menu
Meat and potato stew
Miso Soup
With these stamina eats!
so good...?
BUT I'LL TRY TO TELL HIM MYSELF AS SOON AS I CAN...!
Still, why is this
Well, excuse me

Or
So
I thought!
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ドキリ。

twitch...
Le-
LET'S HEAD HOME?
O-
OKAY!
Suddenly remembered
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By the way, it was the same way in the morning
...
SINCE WE'VE ALREADY MET, WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO TELL HIM NOW!?
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Do-
DON'T TRY TO REMEMBER IT...!

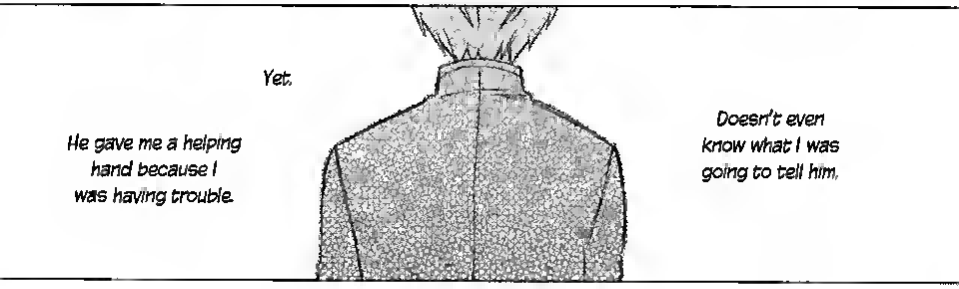
What's important is the mood!!
HOW EXACTLY DO I GET THE MOOD TO
There's no night view since it's not night time!
I need to say it... I need to say it...
ASHIHARA -SAN?

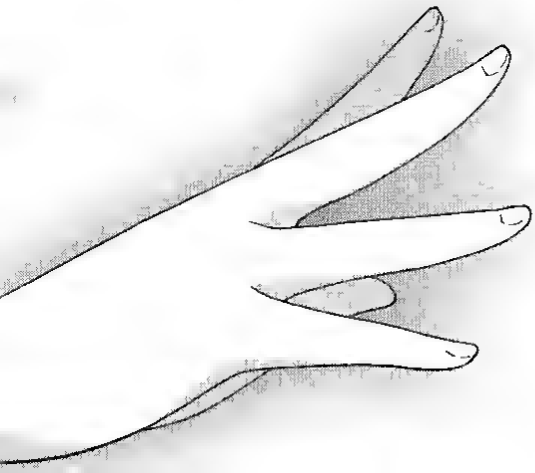
U-
UM!
THAT IS...
ギュ…
Ab-
ABOUT...
YESTER-DAY...

DON'T TELL ME... SHE'S GOING TO CONTINUE FROM WHERE WE LEFT OFF YESTERDAY...!?
Eeerm
I DON'T HAVE EVERYTHING FIGURED OUT YET.
...IT'S FINE, ASHIHARA-SAN.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF.
EH?
ONCE YOU FEEL LIKE YOU CAN SAY IT, I'LL BE THERE TO LISTEN.
O-OKAY, LET'S GO HOME.
OTOGI TOLD ME TO SET THE MOOD SO IT'D MAKE IT EASIER FOR HER TO TALK TO ME,
BUT WE'RE NOT REALLY IN A HURRY.
WE SHOULD JUST GO AT OUR OWN PACE.
Toge-ther..

Kai-kun...

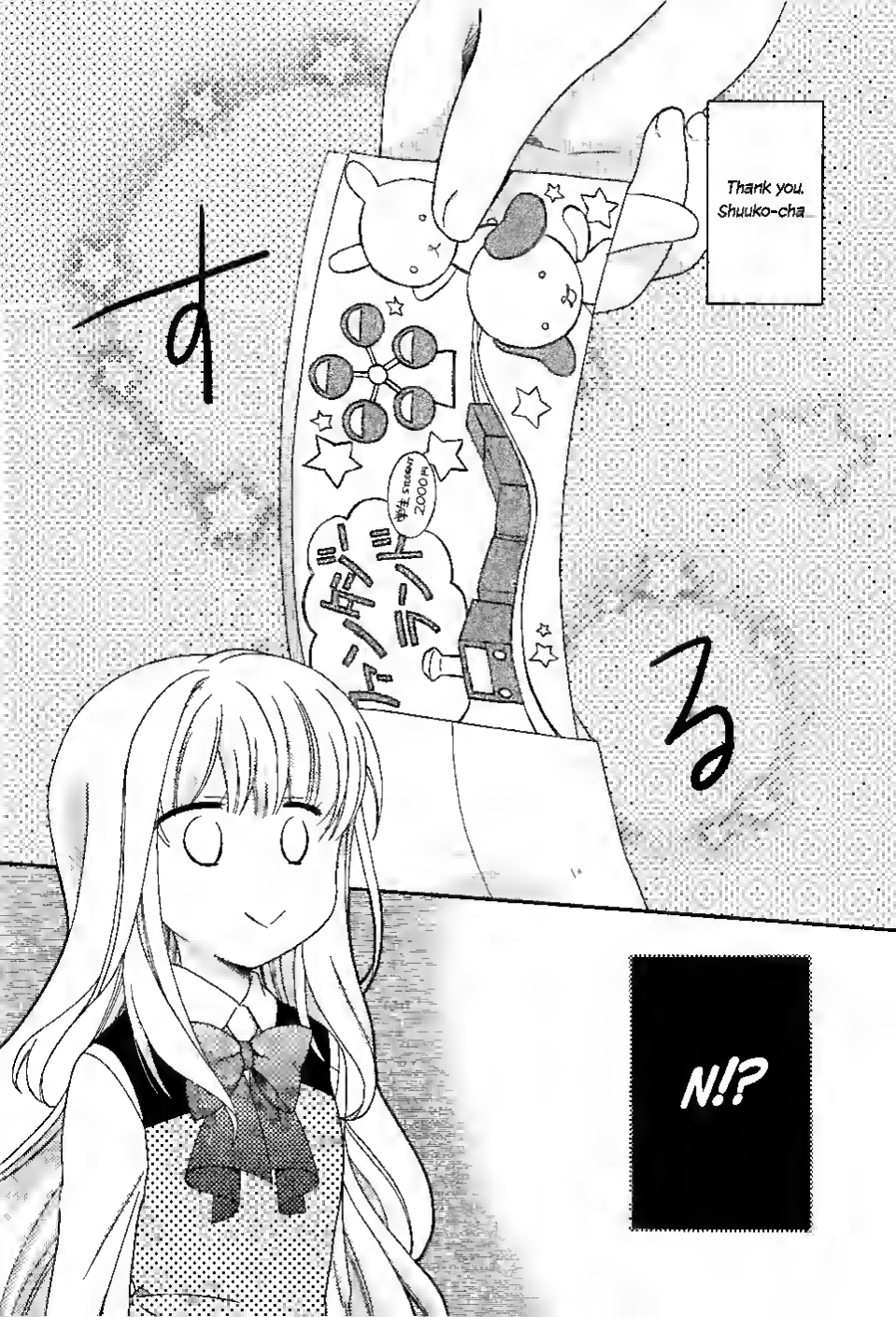

Yet,
He gave me a helping hand because I was having trouble.
Doesn't even know what I was going to tell him.



EH!!
EH?
Ah.
Her finger's hurt...

SHE SEEMS TO REALLY LIKE LETTERS
SO HELP ME, SHUUKO-CHAN!!!
BUT I DO WANT TO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...
I'M NOT EVEN READY TO TELL HIM YET...!

NOD NOD
Can I open it now?
I'm sure if it's from Shuuko-chan.
Then, I'm sure the things I wanted to say are in that letter.


Thank you, Shuuko-cha
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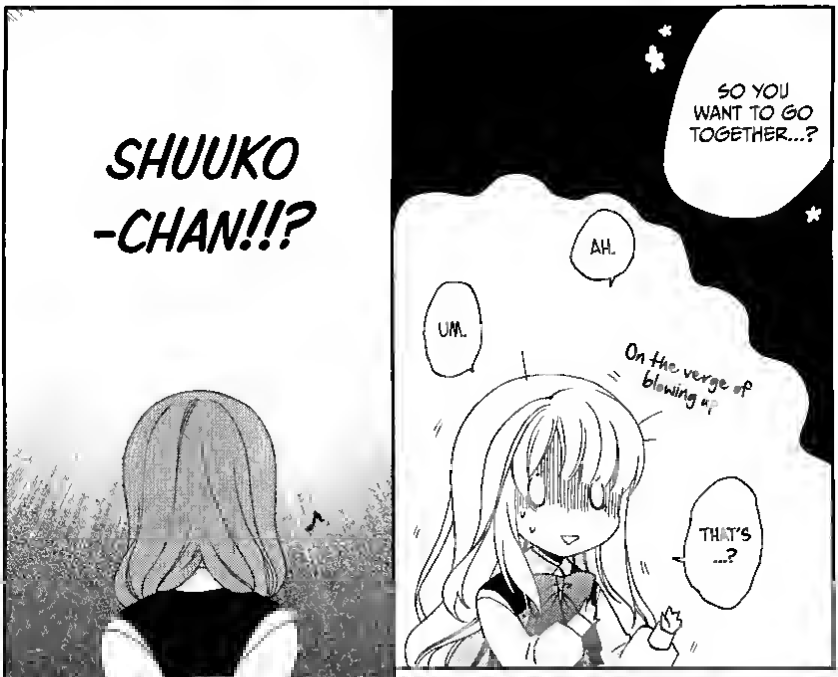
Otogi was looking at this...
EH?
THIS IS...


SHUUKO -CHAN!!?
SO YOU WANT TO GO TOGETHER...?
AH.
UM.
On the verge of blowing a
THAT'S ...?

Origin of the tickets
Shuuko-chan, the newspaper seller gave me these two tickets.
Ah, do you have a partner... you can... go with...
Oh well, I'll give it to you anyway.

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...HUH?
IS IT JUST ME OR HAVE WE BEEN STANDING HERE FOR AWHILE...?
I FEEL THE SAME WAY...
ANY-WAY...
SO.. YOU WANT TO GO THE AMUSEMENT PARK, RIGHT?
I NEED TO TAKE IT BACK...!
ARE YOU BUSY THIS WEEKEND, ASHIHARA-SAN?
THOSE TICKETS ARE FOR SOMETHING ELSE!!
THEN, WOULD TEN IN THE MORNING AT THE PARK BE GOOD THEN?
I HAVE PLANS THIS WEEKEND!

AAAAAH
OKAY, SEE YOU LATER...

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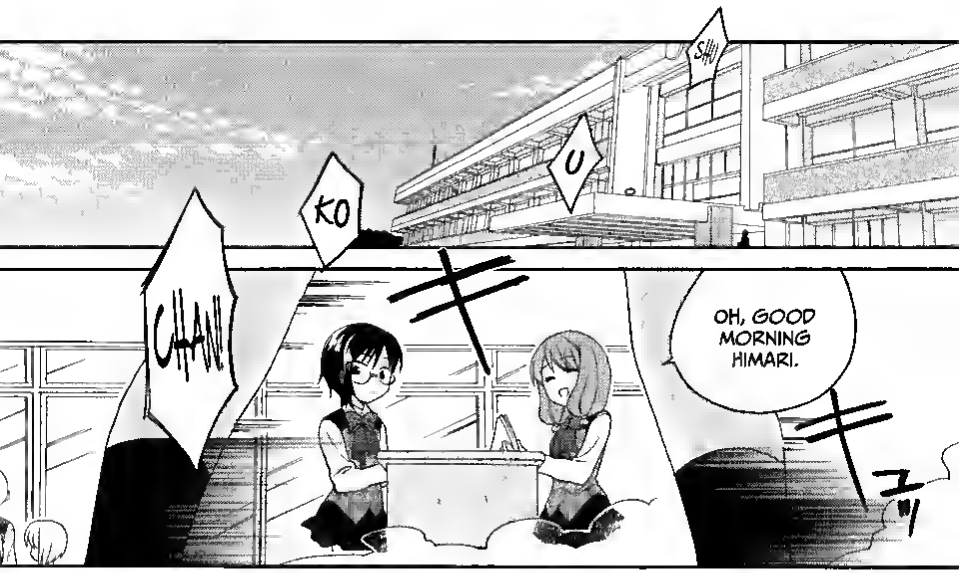
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CHAAN
OH, GOOD MORNING HIMARI.

I knew this was going to happen.
SINCE YOU GAVE HIM THE LETTER, THAT MEANS YOU COULDN'T SAY ANYTHING TO HIM, RIGHT?
"WHY WAS THAT IN THE ENVELOPE?"
WH...
THAT...
ENV...
HOW'D YOU GET THAT!?
TH...THAT'S RIGHT...?
YOU STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO.
THE REASON WHY YOU CONFESSED WAS TO GET OVER YOUR FEAR OF MEN.
YOU'RE DATING YET YOU STILL CAN'T HOLD A PROPER CONVERSATION WITH HIM

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DON'T PAMPER HER!
Now why don't you two break up!
THEN THERE ISN'T ANY PROBLEM WITH SAYING SHE'S CONQUERED HER FEAR OF MEN!
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BUT SHE CAN WALK HOME WITH HIM AFTER SCHOOL JUST FINE
Ye-
YEAH.
Something like that
It was something like this
And then it became that.
SO WHAT WAS INSIDE THE ENVELOPE?
I don't know what it is.
I-I'M BEING HONEST THIS TIME!
SO FAR HIMARI, YOU MANAGED TO CONFESS TO HIM AND EVEN GAVE HIM LETTERS
THESE WERE BASICALLY SMALL TRIALS YOU HAD TO GO THROUGH.
SHUUKO...?
Scary
What ever could you be planning this time?

Like a normal...
ACT LIKE A NORMAL COUPLE AND ENJOY YOURSELVES.
BUT NEXT TIME, WHY DON'T YOU TRY HAVING FUN TOGETHER WITHOUT A GOAL IN MIND?
That's what I think.

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THIS WEEKEND, HUH?
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WHY NOT TRY THAT FIRST BEFORE YOU LET EVERYTHING OUT IN THE OPEN?
Okay?
O-
OKAY.
...I HOPE IT'LL BE SUNNY OUT.
!
YEAH!

This weekend...!
Isn't that great?
YOU CAN'T GO WITH HER, OKAY?
COME WITH ME.
PLEASE.

NOT ONLY MUST I LISTEN TO YOUR RAMBLINGS ABOUT YOUR DATE, YOU ALSO WANT ME TO BURN THE IMAGE OF HAPPINESS INTO MY EYES TOO!?
YOU DAMN SADIST!!!
THAT WASN'T MY INTENTION
Ah,
AT THE VERY LEAST, OTOGI COULD..

I'LL GO TOO, DARN IT!!
I'm super lonely!
EH?
You're such a pain!

I DON'T MIND.
Going there with you, that is.
I WAS GONNA CHECK IT OUT FOR MY DATE WITH MY GIRLFRIEND ANYWAY.
HE DELIVERED THE FINAL BLOW!!
HINOZAKI ISN'T BREATHING ANYMORE!!
Date...
Check out...

STILL, WHY DO YOU WANT US TO TAG ALONG?
?
...WHEN WE WENT HOME TOGETHER THE OTHER DAY, IT GOT A LITTLE AWKWARD AT THE PLACE WE STOPPED BY
SO I WAS WONDERING IF I DID SOMETHING WRONG.
WELL, EVERYTHING TURNED OUT BETTER AS WE WERE WALKING HOME THOUGH
Senses something
It's the smell of love...
SO YOU WANT US TO ASSESS THE SITUATION AND ADVISE ACCORDINGLY?
YEAH.
WITH TELEPATHY!
WITH GESTURES!
WITH PHONE!

EH?
UNFORGIVABLE THINGS THAT SHOULD BE AVOIDED AT AN AMUSEMENT PARK?
Classmate
LET'S TRY ASKING SOME GIRLS JUST IN CASE.
ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS ACT AS YOU NORMALLY DO...
BUT...
OR WAITING IN LINE FOR A LONG TIME?
Right
BEING A DOWNER WOULDN'T BE SO GREAT...
It's such a pain when you have to be considerate of the other person too!
AH!
YEAH, THAT, THAT!
Ahaha
I GUESS THE WORST THING WOULD BE GOING WITH SOMEONE YOU DON'T EVEN LIKE!! (LOL)
OH...
Ahaha

WELL, IT SHOULDN'T REALLY MATTER TO KAI AND HIMARIN THOUGH.
She confessed to him after all
Himarin
I-Thanks...
..MY BAD.
I MIGHT'VE RAISED THE BAR THERE.
YEAH...
RIGHT...
YOU EVEN SAID IT YOURSELF!
Dying again

THIS WEEKEND HUH...
I'M GETTING NERVOUS ALREADY...
Picture sketches?
You know like picture sketches or something
At the amusement park? By yourself?
I just happen to have something to do in that direction too
No!
Don't bother
I'll prepare something for you Otogi, don't worry!
We have to follow them as we watch them, you know
Like with a beard
Maybe we should disguise ourselves

I apologize for stopping the publishing halfway through
I took a momentary break from publishing due to labor
No problem! As a matter of fact, the mangaka that I'm in charge of is pregnant,
So I'm totally used to it!
After that,
Ahaha
I called the author again and she has another child...
Oh, that's amazing!
A little more after that,
Again... Again...
He's so sad...!